



Crime Prevention Newsletter

Do you lock your front door at night before you go to bed?

Following a recent 'car key' burglary in the area, your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team is asking you to ensure your home is properly secured at all times to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

In this burglary, thieves have targeted a home overnight and gained entry into a house by putting an instrument through the letterbox and forcing the door handle. Keys are then removed from locks or key racks close by.

If you live in a property with a UPVC door, please be aware that these types of doors can often be easily opened if they are not locked with the key from the inside.

Simply lifting the handle does not completely secure the door.

Please make sure you double lock the door as well as engaging the multi-locking system. Also, never leave the key in the lock or close to it. Ideally, you should take your keys to bed with you. However, it is vital that you must consider fire safety implications when doing this. Your security measures should not hinder your escape in the event of a fire.

The advice from Hampshire Fire and Rescue is that keys must be readily accessible – at night keep them with you by your bedside and during the day somewhere near the front door, but not on show.

If you have double glazed windows, make sure keys are available for all windows in the house. Also, fitting and maintaining a smoke alarm will give you those invaluable extra few seconds.

Create a fire escape plan and make sure you practice it regularly, even if you do not have any children in the house.

We don't want to frighten people but we hope that by following a few simple steps you can do something to avoid becoming a victim of crime. If you would like any further information then please contact us on 0845 045 45 45 or visit our pages at www.hampshire.police.uk for further contact details.



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